

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Sitka****Project Title:**

Sitka - Regional Justice Center Design Study

State Funding Requested: \$ 75,000**House District: 2 - A**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Design study for regional justice center to advance project and implement funds obtained from federal grant.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$150,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Federal Funds	\$1,200,000	06				
Local Funds	\$75,000	08				
Total	\$1,275,000					

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Item is \$75,000 matching funding to design a regional justice center in Sitka. The community, and numerous partner groups, received a selective federal grant to construct a "one stop shop" for justice related services. This money would fund the design study and is the first step to implementing the grant. The collaborative nature of the facility will alleviate organizational and cultural barriers that exacerbate social problems and inhibit lasting solutions. The center proposes to provide facilities for numerous state and local agencies including:

- Division of Juvenile Justice
- Sitka Police Department
- District Attorney's Office
- Alaska Court System
- Office of Children's Services
- STA Social Services and Courts

The proposed center would coordinate and enhance public safety and social services for residents of Southeast Alaska.

Project Timeline:

FY08

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

City of Sitka or Designee

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

FY'08 CBS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS STATE REQUESTS

• SITKA REGIONAL JUSTICE CENTER CONCEPT PLAN MATCHING FUNDS

The City and Borough of Sitka and Sitka Tribe of Alaska are collaborating with other key stakeholder organizations to battle the huge issue of domestic violence by forging broad partnerships, service and treatment options, program cohesion and a vision of lives free from the impact or fear of domestic violence. To achieve this goal, the Regional Justice Center is being planned as a "one stop shopping center" housing a broad range of justice-related services.

The Regional Justice Center will build on the foundation established by the successful collaboration of partners, which obtained a \$1.2 Million President's Family Justice Center Initiative Grant. Ours is one of only 15 such grants in the nation, and the only one with a tribal organization in the lead. It has enabled the development of a small-scale Family Justice Center and planning to co-locate entire agencies in the larger Regional Justice Center in the future.

The inclusion of a tribal entity in the delivery of services in the "one stop shop" environment provided by the Regional Justice Center is fundamental to the alleviation of cultural and organizational barriers which exacerbate the social problems that disproportionately affect the Alaska Native population: fetal alcohol syndrome, domestic violence, unemployment, sexual assault, domestic-related homicide, etc.

It is hoped the Alaska Congressional Delegation can help secure the \$1.8M funding for the design of this facility, which will potentially include the offices of: Sitka Tribe of Alaska Social Services, Sitka Police Department and Community Jail, Alaska Assistant District Attorney's Office, Alaska Office of Children's Services, Sitka Counseling and Prevention Services, Alaska Office of Public Health, Alaska Department of Corrections/Division of Probation and Parole, Alaska Division of Juvenile Justice, and Alaska District Court. It is important to note that none of these agencies currently have adequate or secure facilities.

The next step toward designing and budgeting for the Sitka Regional Justice Center is to hire a professional consultant to evaluate this project and produce a concept plan. Some of the key issues that need to be evaluated are: positively identify partners, determine spatial needs, identify funding sources, research potential locations, and complete concept designs.

The Sitka Assembly supports a matching grant request to the State of Alaska in the amount of \$75,000 to be matched by \$75,000 from the CBS General Fund, to produce a **Regional Justice Center Concept Plan, including cost estimate, feasibility and design study.** This plan will provide detailed analyses of the facility needs, expenses and revenue sources for this project. This planning process will provide the tools that could lead to the development of Regional Justice Center, which would greatly benefit the citizens of Sitka and the surrounding region. The State has a substantial interest in this project, as State facilities in Sitka are old and deteriorated, and the State and citizens would greatly benefit from co-locating the offices listed above in a modern, efficient, secure facility dedicated to justice services.

REQUEST TO STATE OF ALASKA:	\$75,000
CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA MATCH:	<u>75,000</u>
TOTAL REGIONAL JUSTICE CENTER PLANNING PROJECT:	\$150,000 ✓

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SITKA REGIONAL JUSTICE CENTER

The City and Borough of Sitka and the Sitka Tribe of Alaska, with input from other key stakeholder organizations, are requesting \$1.8 million for the development of a Regional Justice Center in a “one stop shopping center” for a broad range of justice related services.

The Regional Justice Center would build on the foundation established in the successful collaboration of partners which in 2005 received a \$1.2 million President’s Family Justice Center Initiative Grant. Our entity is one of only 15 selected nationwide and the only one which has a tribal organization in the lead. The grant has enabled the development of a Family Justice Center, involving key individuals from various agencies to help victims of domestic violence. The grant is also enabling planning for the larger regional concept to actually co-locate entire agencies delivering many family and justice related services in Sitka.

The partners include: Sitka Tribe of Alaska, City and Borough of Sitka Police Department, Sitkans Against Family Violence, Assistant District Attorney’s Office, Office of Children’s Services, Sitka Counseling and Prevention Services, Office of Public Health, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Department of Corrections/Division of Probation and Parole, Division of Juvenile Justice, and Alaska District Court. The inclusion of a tribal organization in the delivery of services in the “one stop shop” environment provided by the Regional Justice Center is fundamental to the alleviation of cultural and organizational barriers which exacerbate the social problems that disproportionately affect the Alaska Native population, including fetal alcohol syndrome, domestic violence, unemployment, sexual assault, teen suicide, domestic related homicide, etc..

The amount of space required for co-location of the above agencies is estimated at 80,000 square feet, which could cost as much as \$25 million to construct. However, since none of the agencies have sufficient or secure facilities and are scattered throughout Sitka in inadequate rental situations, the development of shared facilities could provide for much more cost effective and efficient operations in the future. Actual design details and costs and methods of funding the proposed facilities will need to be determined in the design phase.

The problems faced by our community are not unique. Unfortunately, they are common in communities throughout our region and State. Our battle to rid our community and region of domestic violence has inspired our service providers to forge unique levels of partnership, service and treatment options, program cohesion, and a vision of lives free from the impact or fear of domestic violence. Sitka is well positioned in this battle, due to our long and highly successful partnerships forged over decades of commitment to our community’s victims. This successful collaboration can serve as a model for other Alaskan communities.

Justice Center
Spatial Needs Assessment

Alaska State Offices	Square Feet
ADO (DA Gregg Olsen)	1200-2,000
Courts (Judge Zervos)	12,500-15,000
Juvenile Justice (JPO Tom Clarke)	600-1,000
Office of Children Services (Smokey Beare)	1500
Public Assistance	4,000
Public Health (Penny Lehmann)	2,000
Adult Probations Officer	1,200
City and Borough of Sitka Offices	
Police Department	24,000
Community Jail (DOC Marc Antrim)	12,000
Juvenile Detention Center (DHSS)	
Sitka Counseling Prevention Center (Janie Hogue)	8,000
STA	
STA Social Services (Louise Brady)	4,000-5,000
Sitka Family Justice Center	4000
Tribal Courts	1,200-1600
Total	81,300

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The City and Borough of Sitka and the Sitka Tribe of Alaska with input from other key stakeholder organizations are requesting \$1.8 million dollars for the development of a Regional Justice Center for the co-location in a "one stop shopping center" of a broad range of justice related services.

The Regional Justice Center would build on the foundation established in the successful collaboration of partners listed below in obtaining a President's Family Justice Center Initiative grant, one of only fifteen sites selected in the country and the only one which has a tribal organization in the lead.

The inclusion of a tribal organization in the delivery of services in the "one stop shop" environment provided by the Regional Justice Center is fundamental to the alleviation of cultural and organizational barriers that exist which exacerbate the social problems that disproportionately effect the Alaska Native population.

The problems faced by our community are not unique and unfortunately are problems common in the rural communities in our region of Alaska. Our community's battle to rid our community, region, state and nation of domestic violence has inspired our service providers to forge unique levels of partnership, service and treatment options, program cohesion and a vision of lives free from the impact or fear of domestic violence.

Sitka is unique due to our long-lived and highly successful partnerships forged over decades of commitment to our community's dedication to victims. This successful collaboration can be replicated in other Alaskan communities using this as a model.

PRESIDENT'S FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER INITIATIVE



photograph from kickoff meeting in San Diego . .

Regional Justice Center Partners: Sitka Tribe of Alaska, Sitka Police Department, Sitkans Against Family Violence Shelter, Assistant District Attorneys Office, Office of Children's Services, Sitka Counseling and Prevention Services, Office of Public Health, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault, Department of Corrections/Division of Probation and Parole, Division of Juvenile Justice, Alaska District Court

MEMO TO: John Stein, Administrator

DATE: January 2, 2007

FROM: Marlene Campbell, Government Relations Director

SUBJECT: Proposed Additions to CBS Legislative Priorities

Two new capital project needs have come to my attention which I recommend the Assembly add to the Sitka Legislative Priorities under Capital Improvement Project State Requests, to permit Senator Stedman and Representative Wilson to seek funding during the upcoming Session.

-Sitka Airport Access Road Relocation Project Supplemental Funding. The Airport Access Road Relocation Project has been in the State Department of Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding priorities for many years. DOT completed design and environmental phases but never got to construction. Last Session, Senator Stedman got the project partially funded in the State's General Fund, which permitted obstacles in Millerville to be removed. However, Andy Hughes, Chief of Planning, and Verne Skagerberg, Airports Planner, for Southeast Region of DOT, advised me that costs for the project have risen, and an additional \$1.7M will be needed to fund construction.

The importance of relocating the road is to permit expansion of the Sitka Airport. No additional lease lots can be developed, nor any reconfiguration of parking areas, terminal expansion, or other needed upgrades, until this project is completed. There is urgent need for more space on the airport which the road relocation will permit. With the Federal Continuing Resolution of FY'07, DOT is forced to operate under FFY'06 STIP funding, which is inadequate for current projects and could not accommodate the airport road project back in the STIP. The only short-term funding to build the road in 2007 is through \$1.7M Supplemental State General Fund.

-Sitka Regional Justice Center Planning Proposal Matching Funds: Chief Schmidt provided the attached proposal detailing the need for a planning study for the Sitka Regional Justice Center. In order to provide the detailed analysis necessary to evaluate the feasibility, costs, spatial needs, funding sources, concept design, and cost effectiveness of this proposal, a professional planning study is needed. If the State, a major potential partner in the Justice Center, were to provide half the funding for this study (\$75,000), to be matched by the City and Borough of Sitka with \$75,000 from the General Fund, the efficacy of the project could be determined, and the path to develop the Justice Center, if indicated, would be established.

The Assembly's preliminary priorities have already been sent to Senator Stedman and Representative Wilson (copy attached). The Assembly can choose whether or not to add either of the above projects to CBS FY'08 Legislative Priorities. Neither of these projects are CBS small capital projects (Airport Road is a DOT project, and Regional Justice Center Planning is a State/City collaboration) so they do not need to be separately prioritized; they would be listed in CIP State Requests.

If there are any questions, please e-mail me at campbell@cityofsitka.com or call me at 747-1855.

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
United States Senate
by FAX: 202-224-5301

December 2, 2005

Dear Senator Murkowski:

Thank you again for visiting Sitka this fall to discuss issues of importance with members of our community. We wanted to update you on the status of one of these, the Sitka Regional Justice Center project. The City and Borough of Sitka and Sitka Tribe of Alaska have been collaborating with other key stakeholder organizations to battle the huge issue of domestic violence by forging broad partnerships, service and treatment options, program cohesion and a vision of lives free from the impact or fear of domestic violence. To achieve this goal, the partnerships are planning a Regional Justice Center as a "one stop shopping center" of a broad range of justice-related services.

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We will again be requesting \$1.8 million through the congressional delegation for the design of this 80,000 square foot facility, which will include the offices of: Sitka Tribe of Alaska Social Services, Sitka Police Department, Sitkans Against Family Violence, Assistant District Attorney's Office, Office of Children's Services, Sitka Counseling and Prevention Services, Office of Public Health, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Department of Corrections/Division of Probation and Parole, Division of Juvenile Justice, and Alaska District Court. It is important to note that none of these agencies currently have adequate or secure facilities.

The Regional Justice Center is estimated to cost approximately \$25 million, but design details and budget will be developed in the design phase. Long term leases by various Municipal and State agencies are anticipated to cover ongoing maintenance costs. The inclusion of a tribal entity in the delivery of services in the "one stop shop" environment provided by the Regional Justice Center is fundamental to the alleviation of cultural and organizational barriers that exist which exacerbate the social problems that disproportionately affect the Alaska Native population: fetal alcohol syndrome, domestic violence, unemployment, sexual assault, domestic-related homicide, etc.

Your support for \$1.8 million for the design of the Regional Justice Center would be greatly appreciated. We will be following up with you after the holidays.

Sincerely,

John C. Stein, Administrator

cc: Senator Bert Stedman; Representative Peggy Wilson